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## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A **copy** of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

April 17 - 22, 2017

Travel date(s):

N/A

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

### Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$1350	\$770	\$400	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$105 10990 PPI			

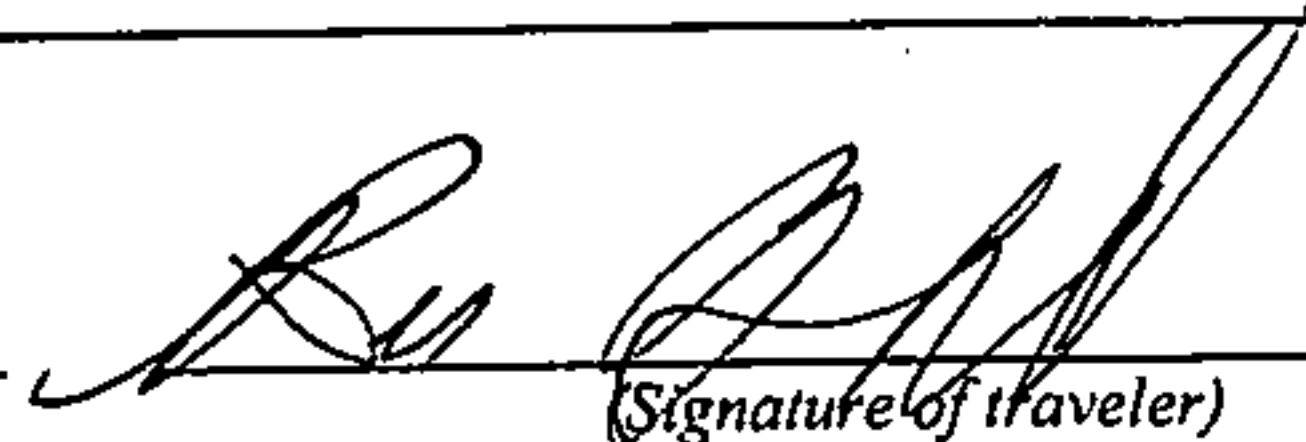
### Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See Attached Itinerary.

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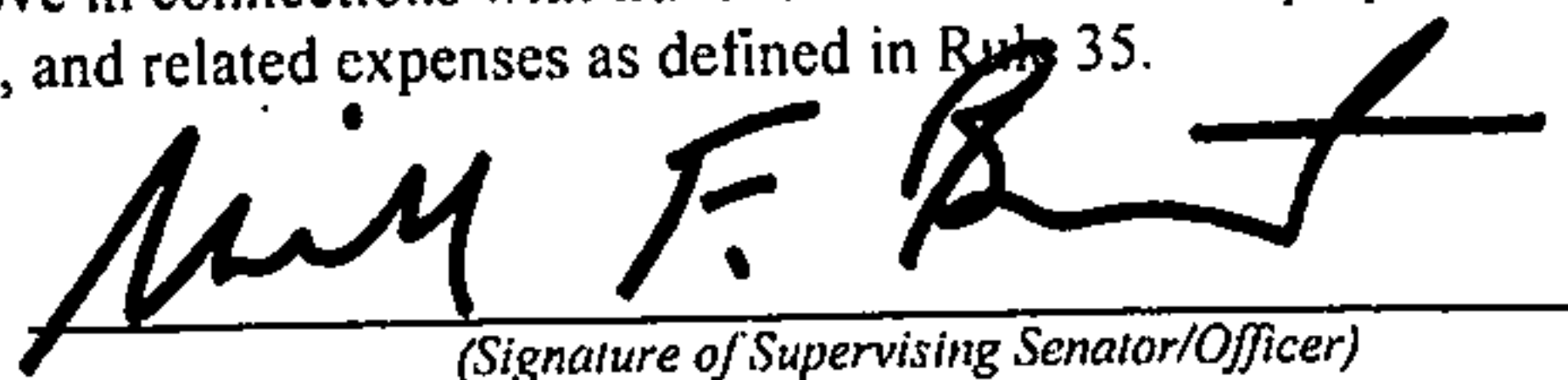
Brian Appel  
(Printed name of traveler)

  
(Signature of traveler)

### TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/16/17  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

# 2017 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

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## Monday, April 17

4:15PM Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport  
1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166

6:15PM Flight Departs for Paris-Charles de Gaulle

## Tuesday, April 18

7:45AM Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport  
95700 Roissy-en-France

8:15AM Airport Shuttle Pickup for Arriving Guests  
*Jana Plat will be waiting – 805-207-5741*

9:45AM Arrive at Hotel  
Hilton Paris Opera  
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

11:45AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting

12PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with Terra Nova, Google, Facebook, Apple, Cisco, &  
Tech In France  
*Discussion on the state of the French economy and its impact on US-France trade relationship and US business operating in France*  
Google  
8 Rue de Londres, 75009 Paris

2PM-3:30PM Meeting with Quai d'Orsay Policy Planning Team  
*Discussion on policy priorities of current French government and its effects on US economic and security cooperation*  
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

4:15PM-5:15PM Meeting with the U.S. Embassy  
*Discussion on US-France foreign relations and US priorities*  
2 Avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris, France

6:30PM-10PM Dinner with Laurence Haim, Spokesperson for International Affairs  
for Emmanuel Macron, Candidate for the French Presidency  
*Discussion on the French presidential election, the rise of Western populism, and what it means for the future of US-France foreign relations*  
Lapérouse  
51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris

## Wednesday, April 19

7:00AM-8:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
8:15AM	Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting <i>Bring luggage to the lobby</i>
9AM-11AM	Meetings with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) <i>Workshop discussions on Base-Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) tax principles, cybersecurity, &amp; terrorism financing. The US is a member country of the OECD.</i> OECD, 2, rue André Pascal 75775 Paris Cedex 16
12:10PM	Arrive at Paris Gare du Nord Train Station <i>Lunch</i> 18 Rue de Dunkerque, 75010 Paris
12:25PM	Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord 18 Rue de Dunkerque, 75010 Paris
1:50PM	Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station Avenue Fonsny 47B, 1060 Brussels
2:15PM	Arrive at Hotel Hilton Brussels City Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels
2:50PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
3:15PM-4:00PM	Meeting with Hiddo Houben, Head of Division at European Commission <i>Discussion on the future of the European Union and how it may alter US foreign policy in Europe</i> Le Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels
4:30PM-5:30PM	Meeting with European Parliament Leaders <i>Discussion on transatlantic cooperation, EU government structure, and how it compares to the US legislative process and policy priorities in Congress</i> Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
5:30PM-7PM	Reception with European Parliament Staff <i>Networking with EU staff counterparts</i> Quartier Leopold Brasserie-Bar-Restaurant 9, Place du Luxembourg 1050 Brussels
7:30PM-10PM	Dinner with POLITICO EU Ryan Heath, Senior EU Correspondent, and Bennet Richardson, Executive Director of Advertising & Business Development

*Discussion on the similarities and differences of the media's impact on government in the EU and US*

La Maison du Cygne  
Grand Place 9, 1000 Brussels

**Thursday, April 20**

7AM-8:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
8:00AM	Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting <i>Bring luggage to the lobby</i>
8:30AM-9:45AM	Meeting with Tax Attachés to the EU from Ireland, Luxembourg & Netherlands <i>Discussion on EU State-Aid cases, tax ruling practices of Member States and how they impact the US Treasury</i> Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Avenue de Cortenbergh 4-10, 1000 Brussels
10AM-11AM	Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG Trade) <i>Discussion on the status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP), the major US-EU trade agreement</i> Christian Burgsmuller, Member of Cabinet European Commission Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels
11AM-12PM	Meeting with the Directorate General for Competition (DG Competition) Carles Esteve Mosso, Deputy-Director General <i>Discussion on EU competition and anti-trust policy, the current investigations of US technology companies and their impact on the US economy</i> European Commission Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode Brussels
12:15PM-2PM	Lunch with European External Action Service Anna Carin Krokst�de, Chair, Council Working Party on Transatlantic Relations (COTRA), Deputy Head of Division, United States and Canada Division <i>Discussion on transatlantic relations and US foreign policy initiatives in Europe</i> Parkside Brasserie, Avenue de la Joyeuse Entree 24, 1040 Brussels
2PM	Depart for Brussels Airport Leopoldlaan, 1930 Zaventem
4:20PM	Flight Departs Brussels
6PM	Flight Arrives in Berlin-Tegel Airport

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- 6:30PM Arrive at Hotel  
Hilton Berlin  
Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin
- 7:15PM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Dinner
- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with Torsten Riecke, International Correspondent, Handelsblatt; Dr. Philipp Steinberg (Head of Department for Economic Policy, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy); Ole Funke (Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sigmar Gabriel); and Ralf Bammerlin (Head of Planning Unit of the SPD Parliamentary Group)  
*Discussion on geopolitical implications of the upcoming German elections, migration, and rise of western populism. What the new German & American governments will mean for US-Germany foreign and economic relations.*  
Borchardt  
Französische Straße 47, 10117 Berlin

**Friday, April 21**

- 8AM-8:45AM Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:45AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
- 9AM-10:30AM Press Briefing with German Journalists  
*Discussion on US-German relations in the Trump era*  
Das Progressive Zentrum (DPZ)  
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin
- 10:45AM-12:00PM Guided tour of the German Bundestag (Reichstag Building), Brandenburg Gate, & Holocaust Memorial  
*Lesson on German government structure, how its history impacts today's political environment, and how its process compares to Congress and US federal government*  
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 12:15PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with Omid Nouripour, MP (Spokesperson for Foreign Policy of the Parliamentary Group of Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen)  
*Discussion on German-EU affairs and relations with the US*  
Axel Springer Haus, Journalisten Club, Axel-Springer-Straße 65, 10888 Berlin
- 2:15PM-3:15PM Meeting with the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy  
Dr. Thorsten Kaseberg, Head of Unit – Legal framework for digital services, media industry  
*Discussions on differences in US-German regulatory approaches to digital platforms and combatting fake news*

Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, Hannoversche Str.,  
28-30, 10115 Berlin

4PM-7:15PM

Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ  
*Trip debrief and wrap-up discussion on what impact European and  
Member State policymaking will have on Congressional policy  
priorities*  
Das Progressive Zentrum  
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

**Saturday, April 22**

7:55AM

Arrive at Berlin-Tegel Airport  
13405 Berlin

9:55AM

Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.

3:45PM

Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport  
1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166

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**EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION**

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Brian Appel

Employing Office/Committee: Office of Senator Michael Bennet

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Progressive Policy Institute

Travel date(s): April 17, 2017-April 22, 2017

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Brian currently serves as Legislative Director to the Senator and covers banking issues for the office. In this capacity, it is important for him to keep current on international geopolitical and economic issues. The trip will provide a unique opportunity for him to learn about the economic and political challenges within the EU.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

3/17/17  
(Date)

Brian Appel  
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Michael Bennet hereby authorize Brian Appel  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

3/17/17  
(Date)

Mary F. B...  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



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Brian Appel  
Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)

Brian,

On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), I'd like to invite you to join us for a transatlantic dialogue in Paris, Brussels and Berlin from Monday, April 17 to Saturday, April 22, 2017. This bipartisan mission is designed for Chiefs of Staff and other senior congressional staff.

This will be PPI's fourth consecutive year taking top-level congressional staff to Europe. However, with a new White House and ever changing political dynamics across Europe, this will be our most consequential trip to date. The desire from key players in Europe to meet and talk with key players from Congress is at a significantly heightened level, and we think it is important, as American policy professionals, to experience and learn about the current European view not represented in press reports.

Our delegation will engage European regulators, political leaders, journalists, and industry professionals on issues related to:

- Ongoing competition investigations targeting US multi-nationals, including State Aid cases
- The impact of European privacy laws and encryption proposals on digital trade and data flows
- How the EU and European member states could respond to a US border adjustment tax
- The U.S. commitment to NATO and its future
- How to reboot transatlantic trade talks and preventing a shift to China by the EU
- The political landscape across Europe and its impact on the future of the European Union
- The effect of Brexit on the EU and US when it occurs in 2018

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues. As such, this mission will comply with House and Senate ethics rules. PPI was part of the founding and push for the "Third Way" movement in the 1990s and has continued this work since then by maintaining relationships in Europe and producing informative and thought provoking transatlantic missions.

I hope that you will be able to join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational mission to Europe. Space is limited; please contact Cody Tucker at 202-775-0106 or [ctucker@ppionline.org](mailto:ctucker@ppionline.org) if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Lindsay M. Lewis  
Executive Director



# Traveling Delegation

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